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William H. Thomson.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch, June 23.)

William H. Thomson, 83 years old, vice president of the Boatman's Bank, died at 2:07 A. M. today at his home, 3805 Lindell boulevard, from the infirmities of age. He had been ill for a month, and hope for his recovery was abandoned several days ago. He had been blind for more than a year.

The funeral will be held at 9:30 A. M. tomorrow from Trinity Episcopal Church, 4005 Washington boulevard, and will be conducted by the Rev. J. Boyd Cox and the Rev. H. W. Mizner. All the members of the immediate family are here except one daughter, Miss Annie Lou Thomson, who is in Colorado. The only son, William Hargardine Thomson, lately a Captain in the army, now connected with the Illinois Traction System, arrived from Peoria, Ill., a half hour before the father's death.

Thomson had been connected with Boatman's Bank for 63 years. It was the only bank for which he ever worked. He came to it on his twentieth birthday, in 1857, shortly after he had removed from his early home in Maryland to this city. He worked up in its employ to the position of cashier in 1870. The office of vice president was later added.

Probably no St. Louis banker had more acquaintances. Thomson was a striking figure, tall and of courtly appearance with a heavy white mustache, broadening into almost the proportions of a beard, as his distinguishing feature. His necktie was usually bright red, and he seldom lacked a flower upon his coat. He was genial to business surroundings, and was at home in social gatherings, being for many years a prominent figure at the Veiled Prophet's ball, where one of his daughters, Miss Susan Larkin Thomson, was crowned as Queen in 1900.

It was his custom at Christmas, to send remembrances not only to his close friends, but to many persons who were hardly more than casual acquaintances.

Thomson was one of the leading Episcopal laymen of St. Louis, and was one of the founders of St. Luke's Hospital, which was started in a rented building in 1866. He served continuously on the board in charge of the hospital, and was president emeritus of the board. He was one of the founders of Trinity Church, and was for many years its senior warden, and in recent years the oldest member of the congregation.

When James Moore Hickson, the Church of England healer, was at St. Peter's Church in March, Thomson was taken from his home to the church, and waited in the vestry room for Hickson, praying audibly for the other sufferers about him. Later, when a Post-Dispatch reporter called the Thomson home by telephone, to ask as to the effect of Hickson's treatment, Thomson insisted on being taken to the telephone, in his wheel chair, and replied that he felt much better since having received the laying on of hands.

The first Mrs. Thomson, to whom he was married in 1862, was Miss Margaret Foote Larkin, daughter of an early head of the Boatman's Bank. Her family was prominent in contributions to Episcopal institutions, and Mrs. Thompson's brother, Hillis Larkin, left most of his estate to these institutions. The first Mrs. Thomson died in 1863, leaving a daughter, who died soon afterward. In 1872 Thomson was married to Miss Annie Lou Hargardine, eldest daughter of William A. Hargardine of the Hargardine-McKittrick Dry Goods Co. Mrs. Thomson survives her husband, with one son, Capt. William Hargardine Thompson, and six daughters. These are Mrs. Charles Cummings Collins of 20 Lenox place, formerly July Thomson; Mrs. George W. Tracy of 4158 A. McPherson avenue, formerly Virginia Thomson; Mrs. Eugene M. Funston of 5538 Cabanne avenue, formerly Holmes Thomson; Mrs. A. B. Cox of Washington, formerly Susan Larkin Thomson; and Misses Annie Lou and Mary McCreery Thomson.

The Thomson family has had its summer home for many years at Arcadia, Mo.

Coal in the Ice Regions.

Geologists have discovered immense deposits of coal in Spitzbergen, and it is now apparent that, in spite of ice, cold and fog, Spitzbergen is a land fraught with many commercial possibilities. The coal is practically all on the surface, and deep mining is unnecessary.

To-morrow is not the resource of thrift.

The Way Victory Lies.

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch.)

It is not necessary that the national Democratic convention shall declare for beer or wine, or make any specific declaration in favor of any sort of liquor. But if the party is true to its principles it must protest against the invasion of the rights of states, communities and individual citizens by the prohibition enforcement act and the methods of enforcing it. It is bound to protest against the regulation of the home and the personal conduct of citizens in matters harmless in themselves, by a Federal bureaucracy, and the overthrow of personal liberty and its constitutional safeguards, based upon fundamental principles and embedded in laws which have the sanction of wisdom and experience. These safeguards are the bulwarks of freedom. If they are undermined the whole structure is endangered.

The issue is not booze in any quantity or quality. Because the evils of the liquor traffic were the occasions of prohibition legislation, the public is confused as to the real issue. This issue is the assault upon fundamental rights and liberties under the pretense of destroying the evils of the liquor traffic. It is the revolutionary methods adopted to destroy liquor evils, which menace liberty and promise far greater evils.

If the Democratic party cannot stand for inherent rights, which were affirmed by the Constitution, for the liberty of citizens and the sanctity of the home against invasion for reasons that do not involve crime, it is not fit to stand for anything. The party abandons not only its avowed principles, but American principles.

We believe that with a strong, progressive platform on other issues and a candidate of integrity and capacity, the Democratic party would win on a declaration for individual rights and liberties and against the tyrannies and absurdities of the Volstead act. Courageous declarations in favor of the rights of men are the one thing needed in this crisis, when rights and liberties of all kinds are assaulted by reactionaries and fanatics who are blind to the lessons of history. We believe a majority of the people would support a party of principle. But if the party were defeated the defeat would be honorable and a prelude to victory. It will certainly be defeated if it yields to reaction, cowardice and evasion in either the platform or the candidate.

Public interest urges and the chance of victory lies in clear, sound conviction and unqualified pledges to stand for the principles of justice, right and liberty that are the life and soul of American institutions.

Davis-Christensen.

(Dallas, Texas, News.)

Samuel M. Davis and Miss Clara Mae Christensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Christensen, 437 West Seventh street, were married Tuesday, June 15, 1920, at 8:30 P. M., at the Trinity Presbyterian Church. Rev. Leslie H. Davis, father of the groom, assisted by the Rev. Glenn L. Sneed, performed the ceremony.

The church was decorated with palms, ferns and vases of pink and orchid gladiolas. Before the ceremony George Grigsby sang "I Love Thee," and Miss Ruth Fabian sang "How Do I Love Thee," accompanied by Mrs. L. P. Sizs. Mrs. Sizs, accompanied on the violin by Miss Louise Taylor, played the wedding music.

The bridesmaids, Misses Mary Frances Hunt and Esther Liefert, entered with Roger Harris and Ben Yopp. They wore frocks of orchid organdie over satin, and orchid tulle hats. Their flowers were orchid, sweet peas and pink roses. Mrs. M. D. Galvin was matron of honor. She wore her wedding gown of white satin and carried pink roses. Miss Lois Trice was maid of honor. Her frock was pink organdie over pink satin, and her hat pink tulle. She carried pink roses and sweet peas. Little Miss Helen Christensen, sister of the bride, carried the ring in a lily. She wore a dress of pink organdie and lace. The three little flower girls, in dresses of pink organdie, were Anna Schutbach, Margaret Goodwin and Dolores Brown. The bride's gown was ivory satin draped in silver tulle, with full court train. Her veil was caught with orange blossoms and valley lilies, and her flowers were a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and roses. Joe Davis of Arcadia, Mo., brother of the groom, was best man.

After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's par-

ents for the wedding party and immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for a trip to Arcadia, Mo., and Canada. They will be at home in Dallas after Sept. 1. Mr. Davis is a member of the faculty of the Terrill School for Boys. The bride is an ex-student of the University of Texas and a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Bixby Items.

We are having some hot dry weather in the west end, while every farmer is still working their cultivators trying to get ahead of the weeds.

Some wheat is being cut in this locality. Mr. A. B. Day informed me that he had twenty acres of wheat cut with his machine this week.

Farmers, sow more wheat and it will be easier to secure a threshing machine. Geo. W. Hughes and family and

Miss Lizzie Hedrick of Bixby visited friends and relatives near Edgehill, Mo., last week and also attended the picnic at Black, June 19th. They report a nice time.

Mr. Fred Cureton and family of Bixby visited relatives in Cape Girardeau County last week.

Mrs. J. N. Stuart and son, John Q. Stuart, visited relatives in Madison county a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richards and granddaughter, Virginia, visited relatives near Howsall, Mo., this week.

Mr. J. M. Lucas and son, Don, visited in the home of A. B. Day last Sunday; also W. V. Day and his cousin, Miss Ethel Eisfeld, of St. Louis, are spending their vacations with relatives at this place.

Mr. W. H. Webb of Bixby made a business trip to Salem, Mo., last Tuesday.

The public school will start at Bixby the second Monday in July with J. R. Day as teacher. They say our

teacher has taught only one term and had complete success.

We note that there was a ball game near Bixby last Sunday afternoon. There was a large crowd attended the game. Also had a musical exhibition in the community in the eve at 8:00. Had a nice crowd and the class received many applauses and thanks for their nice music.

The class will sing each Sunday eve at 7:00 at the Bixby community hall. Every one is invited, and Bixby class will give you their best.

We note that the Pentecostal church is having a great success at Huzzah where they have been holding for some time.

The writer was out on an excursion a few weeks ago and sure found need of better roads in Iron county.

While we tax payers are now paying for good roads, we would like to see some work done to give us good cheer.

SMILER.  
Job-Work, all kinds, at this office.



## What a lot of argument there used to be about a woman driving an automobile

TODAY she can "make a train" or fix a tire as well as anybody.

As soon as a luxury becomes a necessity the point of view changes.

Two or three years ago you would have listened to more varying opinions about tires than you could shake a stick at. Mileages, construction, treads and whatnot.

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